

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

May 09, 2018

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2017-292-WS

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2018-340

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2017-292-WS - Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Notice to be Provided to Carolina Water Service, Incorporated's Customers Related to the Commission's Decision on May 2, 2018.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioners, a document has been placed at each of your seats. It is a notice which I propose that Carolina Water Service, Inc. (CWS) include as a bill insert informing its customers of the newly approved rates, and move that the Commission direct CWS to include the notice as a bill insert at the time that the rates go into effect. The Company shall file with the Commission a proof of the notice so that it may be reviewed by Staff for legibility.

PRESIDING: WhitfieldSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BOCKMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Commission Business
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
RANDALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

(SEAL)

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

Docket No. 2017-292-WS: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services

On November 10, 2017, Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("the Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission"). In this Application, the Company requested that the Commission approve an adjustment in its monthly water and sewer service rates for residential and commercial customers, and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer services. The Company requested an increase in revenues for combined operations of \$4,511,414, consisting of a water revenue increase of \$2,272,914 and a sewer revenue increase of \$2,238,500.

The Commission held three Public Night Hearings in locations throughout South Carolina, as follows: March 6, 2018 in Lake Wylie, SC; March 13, 2018 in Greenville, SC; and March 15, 2018 in Columbia, SC. The merits hearing was held on April 3-4, 2018. On May 2, 2018, based on the evidence in this case, the Commission approved an increase in revenues for combined operations of \$2,936,437, consisting of a water revenue increase of \$1,286,127 and a sewer revenue increase of \$1,650,310. A copy of the Commission Directive can be found here: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/9e17a058-2fde-4889-b913-03d07915f49b>

Residential Water Service

Service Territory 1	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Base Facilities Charge (per unit)	\$14.64	\$16.82	\$14.43
Commodity Charge (per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.)	\$5.69 \$6.67*	\$6.54 \$8.66*	\$5.61 \$7.57*
Average Total Bill: (based on 6,000 gallons of usage)	\$48.78 \$54.66*	\$56.06 \$68.78*	\$48.09 \$59.85*

*Water Distribution Customers Only

Service Territory 2	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Base Facilities Charge (per unit)	\$24.72	\$29.20	\$28.62
Commodity Charge (per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.)	\$8.88 \$9.41*	\$10.49 \$12.19*	\$10.28 \$11.86*
Average Total Bill: (based on 6,000 gallons of usage)	\$78.00 \$81.18*	\$92.14 \$102.34*	\$90.30 \$99.78*

*Water Distribution Customers Only

Residential Sewer Service

Sewer Collection & Treatment Only	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Residential (per unit)	\$57.58	\$69.76	\$65.69
Mobile Homes (per unit)	\$42.01	\$50.92	\$47.94

Sewer Collection Only	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Residential (per unit)	\$52.93	\$69.76	\$65.69
The Village Sewer Collection (per SFE)	\$29.95	\$36.30	\$34.18

*SFE – (Single Family Equivalent) Determined by using SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities